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EAST HARTFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, November 4, 2015

A regular meeting of the East Hartford Economic Development Commission was held in Conference Room B on the second floor of Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut, on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM by Chairperson Skowronek.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Frank Collins, Vice Chair

Bob Falkevitz

Susan Skowronek, Chair

Paul Sousa

Guests Present:

Eileen Buckheit, Development Director

Michael Daniels, Economic Development Coordinator

Chad Freitas

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COMMISSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Mr. Freitas addressed the commission regarding vacancies, stating that he is interested in becoming a member.

4. APPROVAL OF EDC MINUTES

- a. May 2015
MOTION by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Sousa to approve
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- a. Vote to approve the 2016 meeting schedule
MOTION by Mr. Sousa, seconded by Mr. Falkevitz to approve
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
- b. Chairperson Skowronek asked for and received **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** to change EDC Lunch Club meetings to Thursdays from Fridays.
- c. Ms. Buckheit gave updates regarding the proposed casino at the former Showplace Cinemas on Silver Lane, the Outlet Shoppes at Rentschler Field, and the new Pratt & Whitney headquarters building.
- d. Ms. Buckheit shared a report on Main Street streetscapes. Mr. Collins said he is concerned about pedestrian safety on Main Street, and Chairperson Skowronek said she wants to draw attention to this issue.
- e. Chairperson Skowronek said she wants to distribute the Mail-A-Maps to tourists at hotels and Cabela's
- f. Chairperson Skowronek would like to schedule a tour of Goodwin College for the Commission in April or May of 2016.
- g. Ms. Buckheit and Mr. Daniels explained the new zoning regulations regarding personal services.
- h. Chairperson Skowronek asked members to tell their friends about vacancies on the Commission in hopes of filling them.
- i. Chairperson Skowronek asked for and received **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** to appoint Mr. Collins as Vice Chair of the Commission.
- j. Chairperson Skowronek stated that the December 2nd meeting will be held jointly with the Redevelopment Commission at Carmine's Restaurant. She intends for the annual budget to be the only business item for that meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Sousa to approve
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Daniels
Economic Development Coordinator
CC: Town Clerk
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